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(54) Method of chromatographic separation.

(57) A chromatographic separation process employ-
ing fewer beds packed with an adsorbent, while
enabling separation of feedstock fluid, containing a
plurality of components which have different degrees
of affinity for the adsorbent, into constituent fractions
which are withdrawn separately. According to at
least one preferred embodiment, a step of supplying
feedstock fluid to the simplified separation apparatus
is preceded and followed by a step of circulating the
fluid through the apparatus, a cycle of supply -
desorbing -circulation being carried out repeatedly.

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